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OVD Sub-units in the Zone

Security and Guard Units in the Zone

1. In the pursuance of a directive ordering the reduction of SVAG personnel by 25%, SVAG administrative units are being consolidated. In accordance with this policy, the UVD (Upravlenie Vnutrennikh Del) was merged with the UKS (Upravlenie Komendantskoi Sluzhby - Directorate for Commandants Service of the SMA). The combined UVD-UKS unit is now called the OVD (Otdel Vnutrennikh Del).

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Del--Internal Affairs Section). The newly constituted OVD combines the elements and functions of UVD and UKS, i.e., control over the German police (for UVD) and control over the SVAG security personnel, MPs and guards (for UKS).

Comment: Thus the OVD-SVAG is responsible for physical security within the Soviet Zone and has at its disposal the combined Soviet and German security forces, the Soviet MPs and guards and the whole German police, inclusive of the paramilitary police.)

Comment: Until March 1947, MVD headquarters in Germany was designated a Section of Internal Affairs (OVD,SVAG). In March, it was elevated to the status of an Upravlenie or Directorate (UVD,SVAG). The present merger of the UVD with the UKS has reduced the MVD headquarters in Germany from a Directorate to its former status, of a Section.)

2. Chief of OVD/SVAG is Maj. Gen. Gorokhov, Gorokhov's chief is Col. Gen. Kabanov, Deputy for Civil Affairs, SVAG. Kabanov is presumably a member of the MVD; he occupies the post formerly held by MVD Maj. Gen. Malkov. Thus Col. Gen. Kabanov and Maj. Gen. Gorokhov are the two top Soviet officials in SVAG dealing with German police matters.
3. On 26 October 1948 Col. Gen. Kabanov and Maj. Gen. Gorokhov inspected the two paramilitary police squadrons stationed in Leipzig. They expressed their satisfaction with the police administration and accommodations. They stated, however, that the paramilitary police needed much additional political indoctrination before it could replace or augment the Soviet occupational troops in Germany.

Comment: Major General S. F. Gorokhov is known to have been chief of the Directorate for Commandant's Service of the SMA for Germany as early as December 1946. For more information on Gorokhov, refer to

Although it does not mention him by name, it obviously deals with his activities in cooperation with Dr. Kurt Fischer of the GAI.)